Bullards Bar Reservoir

Bullards Bar Reservoir is located on the North Yuba River at an elevation of 2000 feet. It may be reached by traveling Highway 49 to a point 1 mile south of Camptonville, and then proceeding west on Marysville Road to the reservoir. From Marysville, travel east 12 miles on Highway 20 and turn left (north) on Marysville Road (Road E21). Go about 12 miles to the intersection with Road E20 and turnright, proceeding another 18 miles to Bullards Bar Dam.

Activities include fishing, boating, water skiing, and other water sports. Swimming opportunities are limited because of the steep slopes; however, boaters will find numerous opportunities for swimming in various locations around the reservoir.

Bullards Bar Reservoir provides yearlong fishing opportunities for both warm and cold water fish species. Supplies are available at the marina as well as the nearby communities of Camptonville, North San Juan, and Dobbins.

Facilities are available for family and group camping and picnicking. Boat access campgrounds are a unique feature of the reservoir, and are available for use when the water level is high. In addition to the boat access campgrounds, a limited number of shoreline camping permits will be available after the reservoir draw down has reached 15 feet. Camping permits are required and are available only at the Emerald Cove Resort and Marina (530) 692-3200. They may be reserved in advance of arrival.

The camping permit authorizes campfires only in developed boat access campgrounds, or on the shoreline after draw down has reached 15 feet. Day users are required to have a valid California Campfire Permit for shoreline camp or cooking fires. Campfire permits are available from Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, or Forest Service offices, and online at www.PreventWildfireCA.org.

When utilizing the shoreline for camping, visitors must camp near designated campgrounds, where they can use the restrooms; or they must provide portable chemical toilets.

Use of Recreation Sites & Areas

Family Recreation Sites

Reservations are required at Bullards Bar Reservoir, by calling Emerald Cove Marina at 530-692-3200. Unless otherwise indicated, each campsite has a table and a fireplace, fire ring, or cooking stove/grill.

Campground Time Limitations

Camping is limited to fourteen days per year within each family campground provided daily camp fees are payed.

Camping outside developed campgrounds is prohibited except when Bullards Bar Reservoir draw down has reached 15 feet, then shoreline camping is allowed by permit only.

Seasons

The campgrounds at Bullards Bar Recreation Area are open from April 15 to October 15, with the main season from Memorial Day through Labor Day. All campgrounds within the Bullards Bar Recreation Area are closed during the winter. Emerald Cove Marina begins accepting camping reservations the first week of February.

Trailers

Schoolhouse Campground and Hornswoggle Group Campground will accommodate travel trailers up to 36 feet in length. Parking space only is available; there is no provision for utility connections. Please plug your toilet drains. Sink waste water may be drained into a container and disposed of as directed. Campgrounds from which trailers are excluded are indicated within the Campground Guide. Pickup campers and other single vehicle campers are permitted in any car space. Each single campsite is limited to two vehicles.

Group Campgrounds

Group camps are available by advance reservation only. See individual site descriptions for size, location, and information on reservations.

Garbage and Sanitation

Most developed sites have garbage containers, and we ask you to please use them. This is especially important to protect your family from bears that may enter your campsite in search of food. When garbage containers are not available please take all of your garbage with you. Leave a clean camp!

Campfire Permits

Campfire permits are not required in designated recreation sites; however, a permit is required for all camping and cooking fires on undeveloped National Forest land. In periods of high fire danger other restrictions may be in effect. Check with the District Ranger Station or Emerald Cove Marina before your outing.
**Number of Campers per Camp Unit**

In order to protect the adjacent soil and vegetation, the number of campers and tents per developed campsite is limited to **six persons and three tents** (except group campgrounds). This restriction does not apply to a single family composed of parents and dependent children.

**Pets**

Pets are allowed in developed sites, but must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Please be considerate of your pet as well as other campers by not leaving your pet unattended.

**Firearms**

You may bring firearms into developed camp and picnic grounds; however, you may not discharge them in or within 150 yards of developed recreation sites like the Bullards Bar Recreation Area.

**Landownership**

Within the boundaries of the Tahoe National Forest roughly 800,000 acres are public land and 400,000 acres are privately owned. Please respect the rights of the private landowners. You may inquire at the nearest Ranger Station or consult the Tahoe National Forest map regarding landownership.

**Motor Vehicles**

The operation of motor vehicles in recreation sites, including motor scooters and motorcycles, is permitted only on developed roads or parking areas. Vehicles are to be used only for entering and leaving recreation sites. **Only two vehicles are allowed at each single campsite and all tires must be on the pavement.** The operation of motor vehicles in such a manner as to create excessive noise is prohibited. Please drive carefully and observe all posted speed limits. Off-Highway Vehicles(OHV) use is prohibited in Bullards Bar Recreation Area. Please contact Ranger Districts for OHV use areas.

**Horses**

Horses are not allowed in Bullards Bar Recreation Area. Please contact the Ranger Districts for use areas.

**Water**

Only water from developed systems is maintained safe to drink. Open water sources are easily contaminated by human or animal waste. Water from springs, lakes, ponds, and streams should be properly treated before drinking. One recommended method of treatment is to bring clear water to a rolling boil for five minutes.

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**Fees and Reservations** (as of 2015)

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Shoreline camp permits (Boat Access)

- Per Boat (Limit 6 People per Boat): $22
- Additional fee per/person, up to nine: $4

Reservation fee (one time): $7.50

For reservations contact Emerald Cove Marina
(530) 692-3200

**For More Information Contact:**

**Tahoe National Forest**

Yuba River Ranger Station
15924 Hwy. 49
Camptonville, CA 95922-9707
(530) 288-3231
(530) 288-3656 (TTY)

**Tahoe National Forest**

Forest Headquarters
631 Coyote Street
Nevada City, CA 95959-2250
(530) 265-4531
TTY users dial 711 for telecommunications relay

**Website:** [www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe](http://www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe)
Cottage Creek Boat Ramp and Emerald Cove Marina

Located: 10 miles west of Camptonville off Marysville Road at the west end of Bullards Bar Dam.

Elevation: 1,950 feet

Facilities:
- Marina, store, houseboat, fishing, and patio boat rental, private houseboat moorage, overnight slips, boat service, portable toilet rental, propane, gasoline, fishing supplies.
- Two-lane boat ramp
- Parking area, toilets, and dump station for portable toilets and houseboats.

Reservations: For information or reservations call Emerald Cove Marina at (530) 692-3200.

Hornswoggle Group Campground

Located: 5.5 miles west of Camptonville just off Marysville Road on the southeast side of Bullards Bar Reservoir.

Elevation: 2,200 feet

Facilities:
- Four 25-person group campsites
- One 5-RV group campsite (25-person limit)
- One 50-person group campsite
- Treated potable water
- Flush and vault toilets
- Central parking

Schoolhouse Campground

Located: 5.5 miles west of Camptonville just off Marysville Road on the southeast side of Bullards Bar Reservoir.

Elevation: 2,200 feet

Facilities:
- 56 campsites: 44 single sites, 12 double sites
- Treated potable water
- Flush toilets
- 1 vault toilet

Dark Day Campground and Boat Ramp

Located: 5 miles west of Camptonville just off Marysville Road on the southeast side of Bullards Bar Reservoir.

Elevation: 2000 feet

Facilities:
- 10 campsites-tent camping only—6 single family sites, 3 double family sites, and 1 triple family site
- Vault toilets
- Two-lane, concrete boat ramp
- Treated potable water
- Picnic sites (day use only, no charge)
Boat Access Campgrounds and Shoreline Camping

There are up to 74 camping permits available for boat access campgrounds and shoreline camping depending on the water level of the reservoir.

Permits: Shoreline permits will be issued on a per boat basis with a limit of six people per boat with an additional fee per person, up to nine people. If there are more than nine people, another permit must be purchased.

Sanitation: Shoreline camping has no toilet facilities. A portable chemical toilet is required and available from Emerald Cove Marina.

Reservations: These permits are available by reservation only through Emerald Cove Marina (530) 692-3200.

Garden Point Campground
(Boat Access Only)

Located: 1 miles northwest of Dark Day Boat Ramp on the north shore of the reservoir.

Elevation: 1965 feet

Facilities:

- 16 campsites—12 single family sites and 4 double family campsites
- Vault toilets

Madrone Cove Campground
(Boat Access Only)

Located: 5 miles northwest of Dark Day Boat Ramp on the west shore of the reservoir.

Elevation: 2000 feet

Facilities:

- 10 campsites—10 single family campsites
- Vault toilets

Frenchy Point Shoreline
(Boat Access Only)

Located: 5 miles northwest of Dark Day Boat Ramp on the west shore of the reservoir.

Elevation: 2000 feet

Facilities:

- 8 campsites—8 single family campsites
- Portable chemical toilet required.

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The following rules prevail for recreational use of Bullards Bar Reservoir and associated facilities as detailed in Yuba County Ordinance 8.50

ORDINANCE #

8.50.020(1)  1. No vandalism to habitat or facilities.
8.50.020(3)  2. No launching of projectiles from guns, sling shots, or cross bows.
8.50.020(4)(a)  3. No shore line camping above Elevation 1940 (Approximately 25 ft. from brush line.)
8.50.020(4)(b)  4. No overnight camping without a camping permit.
8.50.020(4)(c)  5. No camping without sanitary facilities either permanent or portable.
8.50.020(5)  6. Pets must be leashed within campgrounds and designated areas and under at least voice control elsewhere within 300 feet of the reservoir.
8.50.020(8)  7. All garbage and trash must be disposed of in appropriate containers.
8.50.020(12)  8. No unauthorized commercial operations may be pursued within recreation area.
8.50.030(3)  9. No parking except in areas specifically designated as parking areas or so marked.
8.50.040(3)  10. Applicable fees must be paid where required before vessels may operate on the reservoir.
8.50.050(1,2)  11. Contamination or pollution of shores and/or water of the reservoir unlawful.
8.50.050(4)  12. Swimming or floating beyond a floating swimming barrier or 100 ft. from shore is prohibited.
8.50.060(1)  13. No vessel should be operated creating a noticeable wake within 100 feet of the designated house boat mooring area or where signs prohibit wakes or speeds in excess of 5 mph.
8.50.060(2)  14. No vessel may be operated at speeds in excess of 5 mph within 200 ft. of shore or a landing or wharf used to board or discharge passengers or moor boats.
8.50.060(10)  15. Boat racing or skiing events on established courses must have prior Yuba County Water Agency Approval.
8.50.090(4)  16. Violations of any ordinances, rules, or regulations established by Yuba County Water Agency are a misdemeanor punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.